

	<h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>Paxton Peak</u></h2> <h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>FIRE UPDATE</u></h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Fire Information: (540) 525 - 1539</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>USDA Forest Service George Washington & Jefferson National Forests Glenwood and Pedlar Ranger District</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, June 06, 2011 3 pm</p>
Location	The Paxton Peak Fire is located southeast of Buena Vista, Virginia in Rockbridge County. The entire fire resides on National Forest Land near State Road 607, Robinson Gap Road.	
Estimated Acreage	40 acres.	
Containment	There is no estimate of containment at this time and crews are making good progress.	
Fire Cause	The cause of the Paxton Peak Fire remains under investigation.	
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 30 firefighters and support staff, including 2 dozers and 1 helicopter from the U. S. Forest Service are currently assigned to the fire.	
Closures	There are no official road closures at this time; however, the use of State Road 607 is strongly discouraged to allow unimpeded access for firefighters and personal to the incident. Please avoid State Road 607 if possible.	
Plans	Firefighters will continue to work the fire until full containment is reached. Plans are in place for future rehabilitation of firelines.	
Fire weather	Today's forecast for Buena Vista, Virginia calls for mostly clear skies with temperatures in the mid 80's with little to no chance of rain. Winds are out of the north at 5 mph. Unseasonably hot temperatures will continue throughout the week, and could promote an increase in fire activity. Please use caution when outdoors to limit the chance of unintentionally starting a wildfire.	
Cooperating Partners	Buena Vista Fire Department.	
Additional Fire Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commitment to safety is the Forest Service's top priority and will not be compromised. No resource or structure is worth jeopardizing the safety of one individual. • No structures have been damaged or are threatened. • Smoke from the fire may be visible for several days. • Homeowners can take action to protect their property from wildfires. <p>Information is available from the Virginia Department of Forestry at: http://www.dof.virginia.gov/fire/firewise-index.htm </p>	

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